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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

This evening officers were dispatched to a family violence call in the 6200 block of Valley Castle. When the first officer arrived, he was confronted by a 16 year old suspect who was the alleged perpetrator of the family violence. The suspect was standing in the roadway holding two sticks – one in each hand. Each stick had jagged sharp edges (possibly a broken shovel handle). When the officer got out of his patrol vehicle the suspect began to advance towards the officer holding these two sticks which were perceived as weapons by the officer. The suspect was advancing toward the officer in an aggressive manner. The officer retreated as he repeatedly identified himself as an officer while ordering the suspect to drop the weapons. The officer, fearing for his safety, fired one shot from his duty weapon striking the suspect once in the abdomen. The suspect was transported to a local hospital and is listed in stable condition.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol the 4 year veteran will be placed on administrative duty.

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